## R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES OF MEETING

## August 28, 2017

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 2:08 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Commissioners Isadore Ramos, Richard Pierce, David Sholes and William West. Executive Director Robert B. Rapoza was also in attendance.

1. The Board may conduct an evidentiary hearing relating to the notarization of 230 escrowed mail ballots cast in the Senate District 13 election held on August 22, 2017.

Notary Public, Vanessa Soares appeared before the Board to answer questions as to the notarization of 230 mail ballots cast in the Senate District 13 election held on August 22, 2017. The ballots were escrowed due to the State Law that allows the questioning of any notarized mail ballots that exceed 50. The Board had escrowed the ballots on August 22, 2017 requesting questioning of the Notary Public, Vanessa Soares. After questioning, a motion was made that there was no evidence of impropriety on behalf of the Notary Public. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners, Ramos, Pierce, Sholes and West. Motion passed, 4-0.

2. The Board may discuss and vote to tabulate the escrowed mail ballots cast in the Senate District 13 election held on August 22, 2017.

A motion was made to tabulate the certified escrowed mail ballots cast in the Senate District 13 election held on August 22, 2017. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Ramos, Pierce, Sholes and West. Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made to adjourn. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Ramos, Pierce, Sholes and West. Motion passed, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.